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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2414

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - - MARCH 31

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; MACV FOR COMMAND CENTER AND J3-08; 7/13 AF,
432 TRW ANDNCTY SOW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 2398

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - GROUND ACTION 29-30 MARCH CONTINUED
AT VERY LOW LEVEL WITH ONLY ONE MAJOR AND THREE MINOR INCIDENTS,
ALL INITIATED BY ENEMY, REPORTED. RLAF FLEW SIX T-28 AND TWO AC-47
SORTIES ALL IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR - I: NO AIR OR GROUND ACTIONS REPORTED.

B. MR - II: ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY COMPANIES LAUNCHED DAY- LONG
GROUND ATTACK 29 MARCH AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES LOCATED SOUTH OF
PDJ (UG1221/1320/1420) 14 KMS NORTHEAST OF PA DONG. FRIENDS
ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY RECOILLESS AND MORTAR FIRE AND WERE FORCED
TO WITHDRAW WITH TWO KIA, 8 WIA AND 19 MIA. ONE MINOR ENEMY
SHELLING OCCURRED NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG 30 MARCH (NO
CASUALTIES).
RLAF FLEW SIX T-28 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT.

C. MR - III: ENEMY 29 MARCH ATTACKED FRIENDLY UNIT 52 KMS SOUTH
OF DONG HENE (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW TWO AC-47 SORTIES 29-30
MARCH, ALL IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY.

D. MR - IV: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.

E. MR - V: ON AFTERNOON MARCH 28, ENEMY UNIT LAUNCHED MINOR ATTACK
ON FRIENDS DEFENDING PAK HANG, 85 KMS NORTHWEST OF VIENTIANE.
FRIENDS WITHDREW TO NORTH (ONE KIA, EIGHT MIA). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

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F. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED FIVE
ADDITIONAL

CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS BRINGING TOTAL TO 333 AS OF MORNING 28 MARCH.
(COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY BOTH SIDES
SHOWS 73 MAJOR AND 430 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH MARCH 27.)

2. POLITICAL SITUATION - PRIMIN WENT TO LUANG PRABANG MORNING
MARCH 31; PRIOR TO LEAVING, HE INSTRUCTED RLG MINISTERS PHENG
PHONGSAVAN AND NGON SANANIKONE TO MEET DAILY WITH LPF REPRESENTATI-
VES PHOUN SIPRASEUTH AND TIAO SOUK VONGSAK IN EFFORT TO REACH
AGREE-
MENT ON DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS IN NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT.
PHOUN ALSO BROUGHT BACK FROM SAM NEUA LENGTHY COUNTER PROPOSAL
FOR
POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROTOCOLS. THE FOUR NEGOTIATORS ARE NOW
TRYING TO NARROW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SO THAT NEW
COALITION GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED BEFORE APRIL 15.
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